

2003 LOUISIANA HEALTH REPORT CARD

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Dear Governor Foster and Members of the Louisiana Legislature:

In accordance with R.S. 40:1300.71, I am pleased to present the eighth annual **Louisiana Health Report Card**. The Report Card provides information on the health status of Louisianians, including morbidity- and mortality-related statistics, information on current assessment and prevention initiatives, and recommendations for improving the health status of the state's citizens. You may note that this year's report card provides more up-to-date comparative information as a result of the release of data from the 2000 census.

We submit this report to you and gladly welcome feedback. We hope that it continues to prompt discussion and meet your informational needs as citizens work together to improve the health status of Louisiana.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David W. Hood".

David W. Hood
Secretary

